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Secretary Trueblood's Retirement.

As heretofore announced, Benjamin F. Trueblood, who has been secretary of the American Peace Society and editor of the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE* since May, 1892, retires at the annual meeting on May 7. He has made an unusual effort to continue his work in the great cause of international goodwill and peace, but the nervous breakdown which befell him nearly two years ago has proved to be of so serious a nature that it is impossible for him to think of continuing the important duties of the secretaryship. He has therefore resigned his position, and will give himself to entire rest for the coming months, hoping

to be able later still to do some service in the world's work. He hopes that after some months of rest and recuperation he may be able to write, for his younger co-workers, the story of the last twenty-five years of the peace movement. After June first his address will be Newton Highlands, Massachusetts.

A League of Peace.

There are only two questions now before the friends of peace:

First: How can the great war be stopped?
Second: How can all war be stopped?

There is much that can be said in favor of not discussing the precise terms of peace at this moment.

There is nothing that can be said against discussing the ways to hasten the day "when the only battlefield will be the market open to commerce and the mind opening to new ideas."

Of all the suggestions for bringing lasting peace at the end of the war none is receiving so much consideration at the present moment as the substitution of the principle of international co-operation for ententes and alliances—in short, the creation of a League of Peace of the more advanced nations to maintain hereafter the peace of the world.

Already the idea has been advocated by such bodies as the Union of Democratic Control of England, the South German Social Democrats, the American Socialist Party, the International Peace Bureau at Berne, the Emergency Peace Conference at Chicago, the Woman's Peace Party, the Dutch Anti-War Council, the World Peace Foundation, and the New York Peace Society, while such individuals as Viscount Bryce and Norman Angell in England, and Mr. Taft, Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Carnegie, Mr. Lowell, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Marburg, Mr. Holt and others in this country, are working out tentative plans for a League of Peace.

Without expressing our views as to the basis for a League of Peace at this moment, we present for the consideration of our readers some of the questions that must be carefully studied by international statesmen before a League of Peace can be established. We urge all friends of peace to be considering them, so that if, when the time arrives (if it does arrive), the peace workers will not be found unready.